

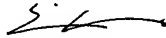
REMARKS

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of October 8, 2003, Applicant hereby elects without traverse Species 1 directed toward a plasma comprising an inert gas. Claims 1-10 are readable on the elected species. New claim 27 has been added and is generic to all of the species.

The claims are further amended to correct several minor, obvious, typographical matters.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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